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#12 Day of No Return II

FATHER?
THE EMPEROR DOTES ON PRINCE ULYSSES, DOESN'T HE?
!
NOT WITHOUT REASON!
FATHER!
CAN WE TALK—...
IN CONTRAST TO HIS FIRST POLITICAL MARRIAGE,
HE AND EMPRESS CORDELIA FELL IN LOVE. HE REMINDS THE EMPEROR OF HER.
DO YOU THINK HE PLANS TO NAME HIM AS HEIR TO THE THRONE?
BUT... I'M THE CROWN PRINCE...

IF A WISE PRINCE ULYSSES WERE TO TAKE THE THRONE,
HE MIGHT EVEN RESTORE THE AUTHORITY OF THE CROWN.
THAT FRAIL CROWN PRINCE——
STOP IT
wobble...
IT'D BE BETTER IF HE JUST DIED!
...ENOUGH!!
At this rate,
one day I really will be assassinated.

So all you can do for me
is to disappear, Ulysses.
BRO... THER?
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YOUR HIGHNESS!? ARE YOU OK!?

. PRINCE.. ULYSSES?
Rattle
Pump
ULY
SUDDENLY SLASHED AT ME...
SACRIFICED HIMSELF TO PROTECT ME...!!

HELP ME!!
ULY IS GOING TO KILL ME!!
PRINCE ULYSSES!?
N—
NO! I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING—
Grab!
WHY DIDN'T I SEE THIS COMING...?
Don't let them get away
Follow them!

WHAT HAPPENED!?
PRINCE ULYSSES?
THEIR PLOTTING EVEN REACHED MY EARS.
THERE'S NO WAY THAT PRINCE DIECK AND THE ALCADE FAMILY DOESN'T KNOW OF IT.
IF THEY KNOW THAT THERE'S A PLOT TO TURN THE PRINCE INTO A PAWN,
THEN SURELY THEY'D BE TAKING MEASURES TO PROTECT THE THRONE.
BUT... WHY THIS...!?
IF WE TALK TO THEM, THEY'LL UNDERSTAND ...!
BAL!
WAIT!!

I'M SURE MY BROTHER WAS JUST CONFUSED. LET'S JUST GO BACK AND——
NO, WE HAVE TO LEAVE THE CASTLE!
TOMORROW THE EMPEROR WILL RETURN, AND THEN——
THAT WON'T DO, ADONIS
clack
I HAVE ORDERS NOT TO LET YOU LEAVE THE CASTLE ALIVE
WHOSE ORDERS!?
The crown prince's, of course.
He was planning to kill you with his own hands, after all.

So long as you're around, I won't have a moment's peace of mind.
NO.
WHAT... DO YOU MEAN?
THE STORY WILL GO THAT YOU PLOTTED TO KILL THE CROWN PRINCE IN ORDER TO TAKE THE THRONE, AND STRUCK BOTH HIM AND ZEISS
Squeeze
YOU CAN'T ESCAPE
THERE ARE MEN WORKING FOR THE PRINCE WATCHING THE EXITS
SHUT UP
CAN'T WE MAKE A DEAL, ADONIS? IF YOU HAND OVER THE WOULD-BE ASSASSIN——
Chop
SHUT UP!!

HAA...
FLOP
YOUR HIGHNESS !!
!
MY BROTHER WOULDN'T TRY... TO KILL ME
IT... CAN'T BE
I missed my chance to kill him.
BUT—
I... DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE IT EITHER...
WHY...?

DOES HE...
As things stand now, one day—
REALLY THINK I'D KILL HIM IN HIS SLEEP...?
But he told me
to work hard... that he's got high hopes for me...
TELL ME
IT'S NOT TRUE, BAL. THAT IT'S ALL A LIE...
YOUR HIGHNESS...
I DON'T... WANT THIS...
Grab!

NOOOOOOOOO...
ISN'T HE YOUR LITTLE BROTHER...!?
Squeeze
...WHY, PRINCE DIECK?
OH!
SORRY, BALFORD
FOR INTERRUPTING YOUR STRATEGY MEETING.
...WAS IT ME...?

I... WAS STANDING THERE.
DID HE THINK THAT I WAS CONSPIRING WITH THE SENATE FOR THE THRONE...?
IS THIS... MY FAULT...?
UH.
HIC
UH
I'M SURE THAT HE'LL HELP YOU OUT.
I CAN THINK ABOUT IT LATER.
YOUR HIGHNESS,
LET'S GO TO YOUR UNCLE, LORD WILE
THE PRIORITY NOW IS THE PRINCE

HAS HE COME THROUGH?
NO, NOT YET.
I HAVE TO GET HIM OUT OF HERE SAFELY——
OPEN THE GATE TO LURE HIM OUT!
KEEP YOUR EYES SHARP!
DON'T LET HIM ESCAPE!
THERE AREN'T TOO MANY FOR ME TO HANDLE,
BUT IF THEY CLOSE THE GATE BEFORE I BREAK THROUGH, WE'RE DONE FOR.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?
EEEE
WE CAN'T... CROSS THE BRIDGE, HUH...
THAT LEAVES THE CANAL...
...IT'LL BE OK.
SK
BAL?
NK
CAN I BORROW YOUR JACKET, YOUR HIGHNESS?
Slide
...HUH?

SUSH
YOUR JACKET. QUICKLY, PLEASE.
...
FL
PLEASE WAIT HERE, YOUR HIGHNESS
I'LL ACT AS A DECOY AND LURE AWAY SOME OF THE SENTRIES
UP
TAKE THIS INSTEAD
HUH?
I CAN'T LEAVE YOU HERE UNARMED, SO I'LL LEAVE THIS WITH YOU
SHH!
BAL!?
Chik
IF YOU PUT IT IN YOUR SWORD BELT AND HIDE IT UNDER YOUR JACKET, YOU'LL LOOK LIKE A SENTRY
NO! WHY DO I HAVE TO WAIT HERE ALONE!?
AND WON'T YOU BE UNARMED!? THAT WON'T WORK!

DU
N
WHO'S THERE!?
SHAK
HEY YOU...
WH
AM
slam!
WHAT WAS THAT?
THEY OVER-HEARD !?
OVER THERE!!
LET'S BOTH MAKE A RUN FOR IT,
BAL—
GR
AB

I'm sorry I can't go with you.
—Please
Forgive me for being so rough with you.
be safe.
BAAA ALLL!!

...I WAS WASHED AWAY.
AND WHEN I CAME TO, I WAS IN A PEDDLER'S BOAT.
THE ONES WHO PICKED ME UP WERE FOREIGN TRADERS, AND I LEFT THE COUNTRY WITH THEM.
I— DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO BAL AFTER THAT. JUST...
THE SECOND PRINCE WHO TRIED TO ASSASSINATE HIM DIED WHILE TRYING TO ESCAPE.
Squeeze
THAT HE...
SACRIFICED HIMSELF FOR ME.

Slide...
..I'VE ALSO
THOUGHT ABOUT DESTROYING THIS COUNTLESS TIMES.
BUT IF THIS DISAPPEARS,
THEN "ULYSSES" REALLY WOULD BE GONE FROM THIS WORLD.
WHEN I THOUGHT ABOUT THAT, I COULDN'T DO IT.
...I'M SUCH A FOOL, AREN'T I?
I WAS ALREADY DEAD A LONG TIME AGO——
AND NO ONE NEEDED ME ANYMORE, EITHER.
RIGHT EYE...

Can you understand how much that means to me?
You gave those things back to me.
along with my name
and my reason for living.
My home was taken from me
that day.
You said, "Become my Right Eye"——
You told me to become your bodyguard.
But when I met you,
Even after you lost your eye because of me, I clung to your side...
It's because I feel indebted to you,
But it's not a debt for saving my life.

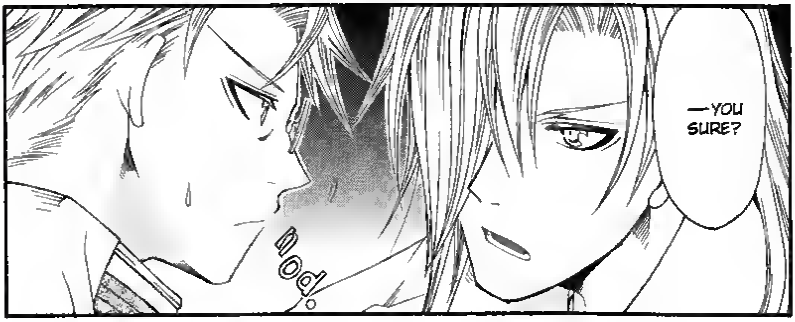
Rub
I UNDERSTAND MORE THAN ANYONE
THAT I CAN'T STAY HERE
BUT...
SOMEHOW, I...
SO —
Sweat...
YOU FIGURED YOU COULD STAY HERE IF YOU KILLED YOURSELF?
.....
.....
nod
Jolt
haa
HOLY CRAP...

SORRY
FOR NOT NOTICING A DAMN THING.
GEEZ...
WHAT A "BODY" I MAKE.
YOUR MAJESTY...
I DROVE YOU TO THINK
THAT YOU COULDN'T STAY HERE.
bdmp
I REALLY CAN'T—
STAY HERE...
DON'T JUST DECIDE THAT ALL ON YOUR OWN.
IF YOU WANT TO STAY HERE, STAY. GET IT?

The second prince is dead—
Right now, you aren't anyone else.
You're my Right Eye, that's all.
I CAN STAY——
Squeeze
ARE YOU... SURE?
AS YOUR
Yeah.
RIGHT EYE.

.....
stomp
stomp
stomp
stomp
stomp
tap
tap
tap
THE HELL? AT LEAST KNOCK!
OH— YEAH, RIGHT EYE.
tug
OW WW WWW WW!

SON OF A!
THE HELL'RE YOU DOING ...!?
!!


—YOU SURE?
nod.

tap
SORRY, BUT I NEED THE JACKET BACK.
RIGHT EYE.
LISTEN UP.
YOU STAY RIGHT HERE. NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, DON'T OPEN THE DOOR.

clack
FENRIR, I'M LEAVING RIGHT EYE TO YOU.
YOUR MAJESTY!!
YOUR MAJESTY?
flap
YOU GOT IT!?
G1
ack
tap
...COME WITH ME.
AS YOU WISH.
YOU...?

...WHAT KIND OF A JOKE IS THIS?
OF ALL THE TIMES...
IS THE KING HOME?
Would you mind telling him that
the Emperor of the Holy Zephil Empire,
Dieck Alcade Zephil, would like an audience?